Supplementary Material File 1: Task group topic guides

Work package 1 (service users)

What	Questions	Prompts	Notes
Introductions and welcome	NA	NA	 Welcome Who we are Why we are here Purpose of the session Expected timings Breaks Expenses Any questions?
Opening discussion: establishing norms	 How do you currently use mobile phones? 	Do you have one?Is it a smartphone?Do you use Apps?	To explore existing practices
Opening discussion: establishing participants own norms	 How do you currently look after your mental health and wellbeing? 	 Do you have a staying well plan? 	Facilitators should decide/enquire as to whether people might prefer working as a whole group or as pairs.
	 How do you know when things are taking a turn for the worse in your mental health? 	 Do you notice any changes in your ability to function (e.g., connect w family/friends), 	

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		 What you think, or how you feel, etc.? 	
	 What do you do if you think you are becoming unwell? 	How do you feel?What do you think?What do you do?What actions do you take?	
	 How do you feel about getting help if you think you are becoming unwell? 	What gets in the way?	Continue to write up points on flipchart
	 Have services encouraged you to have a plan for staying well? 	 Crisis plan, advanced statement, wellness plan? 	Continue to write up points on flipchart
Introducing EWS monitoring	NA	NA	Covering staying well, anticipating crises, monitoring thoughts and feelings, being in the driving seat
	Does this make sense?	Anything which is unclear?	NPT Coherence
	 How helpful do you think it is to monitor early warning signs? 	NA	

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Introducing EMPOWER	NA	NA	Description of EMPOWER in terms of wellbeing monitoring and messaging to enhance control and recovery. Examples of items and process and messages. Could usefully be based on a scenario.
	 Does that make sense to you? 	Anything which is unclear?	NPT Coherence
	What would help you to successfully use EMPOWER?	 Do you think you have the skills or experience in using a mobile phone? What support would you like? What would keep you involved / committed 	NPT Cognitive Participation
Sharing information and other people's involvement	NA	NA	Monitoring wellbeing and sharing wellbeing with others. What happens to the information they put into EMPOWER and who has access to it.
	 Does what you've just heard make sense? 	Concerns, question?	NPT Coherence
	 How would you use your data? 	Who would you share it with?	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action

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	 How would you like others to be involved with the App? 	 When would you share it? Family and friends? Would you get help from them? Show them how it was going etc? Mental health staff? 	
	 How do you feel about what happens to the information you put into the App? 	ConfidentialitySuspiciousness	
Staged EMPOWER responses	NA	NA	Wellbeing message options and types.
	 What would you find helpful? 	Which of these would be preferable?Quotes, websites, videos?	There is the potential to do this is in a more participative way with e.g. voting stickers for preferences.
	 What type of message might be most likely to encourage you to take action? 	NA	
	 Would you like to help with messages? 	-	Explain opportunities for potential involvement. In both sites this could be via the online survey of message suggestions. In Glasgow there may be

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			opportunities to play a role in validating/assessing messages.
	NA	NA	Stage 2: Triage and responding to changes in wellbeing.
	 "Does what you've just heard make sense?" 	Cause anxiety?	NPT Coherence
	 How would this be different to what happens now? 	-	NPT Coherence (differentiation)
	 How would you like others to respond? 	Family and friends?Mental health staff?	NPT Collective Action
Frequency of monitoring	 How would you feel about this type of daily monitoring? 	Is that too often?What would work for you?Would you like to be able to vary frequency?	
Overall and concluding thoughts	 Thinking of EMPOWER overall how would you know it's worth the effort? 	 What might make you stop using EMPOWER? How would you know if this was working/not working? 	NPT Reflexive Monitoring

Work package 1 (carers)

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Introductions and welcome	Talk	NA	NA	 Welcome Who we are Why we are here Purpose of the session Expected timings Breaks Expenses Any questions?
Opening discussion: establishing participants own norms	Whole group or pairs	 How do you support your family member/friend to look after their mental health and wellbeing? 	NA	 Facilitators should decide/enquire as to whether people might prefer working as a whole group or as pairs. Facilitators to write points of flip chart.
		 How do you know when things are taking a turn for the worse? 	 What do you notice? (E.g., changes in their ability to function, what they say and/or do, etc.) 	
		 What do you do if you think your family member/friend is becoming unwell? 	 What actions do you take? For example, contacting key clinician or crisis service, monitoring medication, talking things over, etc. 	
		 How do you feel about seeking the support of a professional (e.g., contacting key clinician) if 	What gets in the way?	

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		your family member/friend is becoming unwell? • Have services encouraged your family member/friend to have a plan for staying well?	 Crisis plan, advanced statement, wellness plan? 	
Introducing EWS monitoring	Slide(s)	NA	NA	Covering staying well, anticipating crises, monitoring thoughts and feelings, being in the driving seat
	Whole	Does this make sense?	Anything which is unclear?	NPT Coherence
	group	What are your experiences of EWS monitoring?	 Have you been encouraged to monitor your family member/friend's EWS, or to help them monitor their EWS? If so, by whom? What EWS do you look for? Advantages and disadvantages 	
		 How helpful do you think it is to monitor EWS? 	NA	
Introducing EMPOWER	Slide(s)	NA	NA	Description of EMPOWER in terms of wellbeing monitoring and messaging to enhance control and recovery. Examples of items and process and messages. Could usefully be based on a scenario.

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	Whole group	 Does that make sense to you? 	 Anything which is unclear? 	NPT Coherence
		 What role would you like to play in introducing your family member/friend to the App? 	 Informing identification of idiosyncratic EWS and or coping strategies; Support of baseline monitoring; Offering technical expertise 	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action
		 If your family member/ friend was using the EMPOWER App, how would you like to be involved? 	 Providing reminders for them to use the App; Helping them to use the App; Contributing to the information that they enter (e.g., agreeing on scores) 	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action
		 What are the benefits to active carer involvement with the EMPOWER App? 	•	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action
		 What are the disadvantages of active carer involvement with the EMPOWER App? 	ConfidentialitySuspiciousness	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action
Sharing information and other people's involvement	Slide(s)	NA	NA	Monitoring wellbeing and sharing wellbeing with others. What happens to the information their family member/friend enters into EMPOWER and who has access to it.

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	Whole group	 Does what you've just heard make sense? 	• Concerns, questions?	NPT Coherence
		 How would you like your family member/friend to use their data? 	 Who (e.g., you, key clinician, treating team, etc.) would you like them to share it with? How often would you like to see their charts? How likely do you think it is that they will share data? 	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action
Staged EMPOWER responses	Slide(s)	NA	NA	Wellbeing message options and types.
	Whole group	 What messages would you value? 	 Which of these would be preferable: quotes, websites, and/or videos? 	There is the potential to do this is in a more participative way with e.g. voting stickers for preferences.
		 Would you like to help with messages? 	_	Explain opportunities for potential involvement. In both sites this could be via the online survey of message suggestions. In Glasgow there may be opportunities to play a role in validating/assessing messages.
	Slide(s)	NA	NA	Stage 2: Triage and responding to changes in wellbeing. Including an overview of the role of carers/ next of kin.

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	Whole group	 Does what you've just heard make sense? 	-	NPT Coherence
		 How would this be different to what happens now? 	-	NPT Coherence (differentiation)
		 What do you think about the triage nurses role/ NWMH's role in EMPOWER? 	-	NPT Collective Action
Overall and concluding thoughts	Whole group	 Thinking of EMPOWER overall how would you know it's worth the effort? 	 What might make you stop using EMPOWER? How would you know if this was working/not working? 	NPT Reflexive Monitoring

Work package 2 (service providers)

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Introductions and welcome	NA	NA	 Welcome Who we are Why we are here Purpose of the session Expected timings Breaks Any questions? The digital recorder and its functioning

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			Taking timeoutInformed consent
	 How do you currently use mobile/digital in your work supporting people? 	 Text reminders? Accessing information quickly? Planning and organizing (e.g. diary functions, map functions)? 	 Warm up exercise – will return to topic later When discussion has dried up ask people for feedback which is written up on flipchart with any themes identified and potentially expanded upon.
Opening discussion: establishing participants own norms	 What have been your experiences of helping people prevent or minimize relapse? 	 How is it emphasized in the team? How is it detected? Whose responsibility is it to detect risk of relapse? 	Write up points on flipchart
	 Is the goal to prevent relapse or minimize impact? 	Is this view shared across team?Is this shared with users and carers?	
	What are strengths of current practice?	How do you respond?How does the team respond?	Continue to write up points on flipchart

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		 How do users and carers respond? 	
	 How do you know when things are starting to break down for someone you support? 	 Change in presentation, lack of contact etc 	
	 What is the first action you would typically take if you thought someone was becoming unwell? 		
	 Is there a standard procedure or protocol you follow when someone is becoming unwell? 	 Team, local and national level policy Are these consistently applied? 	
	 What are the limitations of existing practice? 	Does it need to be improved?What could be improved?	NPT Collective Action
Introducing EMPOWER	NA	NA	Slide(s) on EMPOWER and the stepped care approach.
	 Does the EMPOWER approach make sense? 	 Anything which is unclear? 	NPT Coherence

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	 What advantages might the use of mobile technology bring? 	 What might block successful use? How acceptable do you think it might be for people? 	NPT Coherence
	 Do you think there could be risks associated with EMPOWER and if so what? 	Adverse eventsNot picking up on EWSOver sensitivity (false positives)	
	 What would help the team to successfully use EMPOWER? 	 What would keep you involved / committed 	NPT Cognitive Participation
	 How do you feel about the triage nurses role in EMPOWER? 		
	 How do you feel about peer workers having a role in supporting EMPOWEI users? 	₹	
Sharing information from EMPOWER	 "How do you feel about the capacity to share information and charts from the App?" 	Any concerns?	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action
Acting on information received from EMPOWER	Imagine you were supporting someone using the App and you were contacted.	•	NPT Cognitive Participation and Collective Action

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	by the triage nurse about a concern they had about scoring:	 Would this be any different to what happens now? What opportunities or challenges could alerting bring? 	
Overall and concluding thoughts	 Thinking of EMPOWER overall and looking ahead how would you know it's worth the effort? 	 How might you lose confidence in EMPOWER? How would you know if this was working/not working? 	NPT Reflexive Monitoring
Beta testing	 Would anyone be willing to test the App with someone they support? 	 Details of beta-testing requirements and dates. 	